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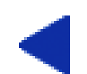


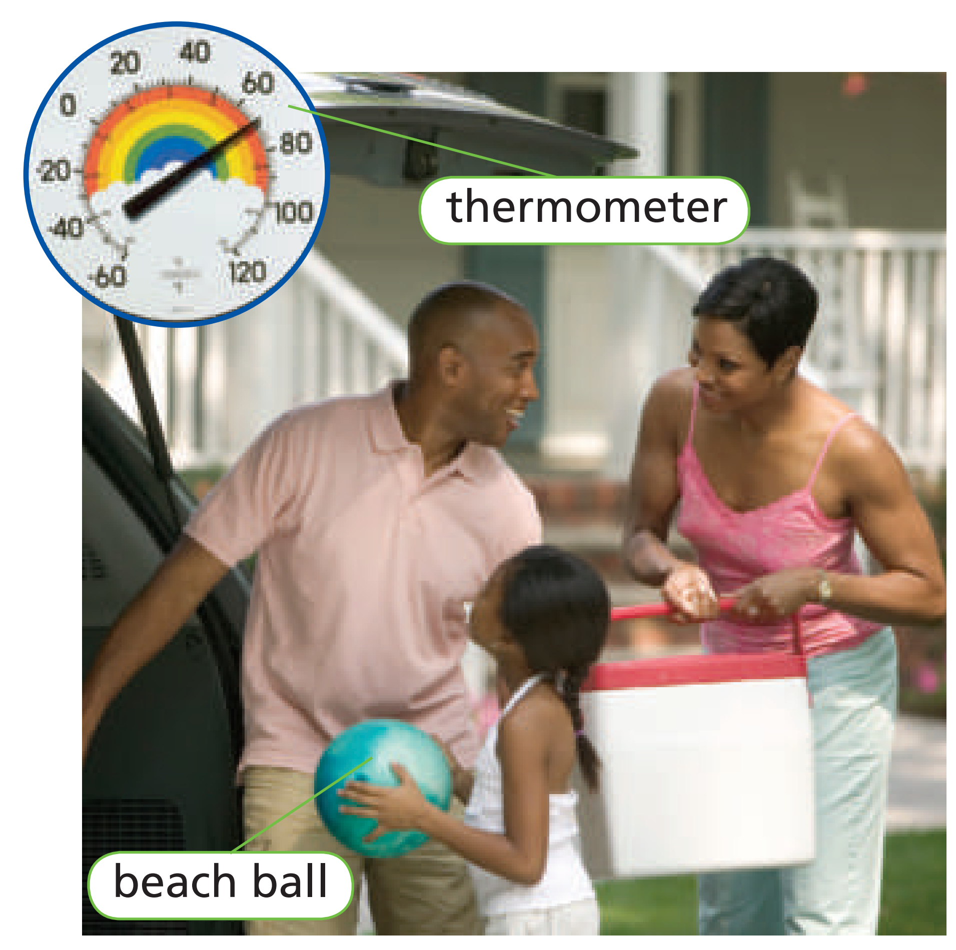
You plan a special day. Will the weather be perfect for your plans? Could bad weather spoil your plans?

How can you find out about the weather? This book is about changes in the weather.

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spoil: ruin

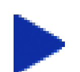






This family is ready for the beach. They want to picnic and swim. How do they know that it will be a good day for the beach? They looked at the thermometer outside their house.

The thermometer shows the temperature. It shows how hot or how cold the air is.







Will the team be able to play?

This man is fishing at the beach. He likes this cool, cloudy day.

How did he know that today would be a good day for fishing at the beach? Before he went fishing, he listened to the weather reporter on television.

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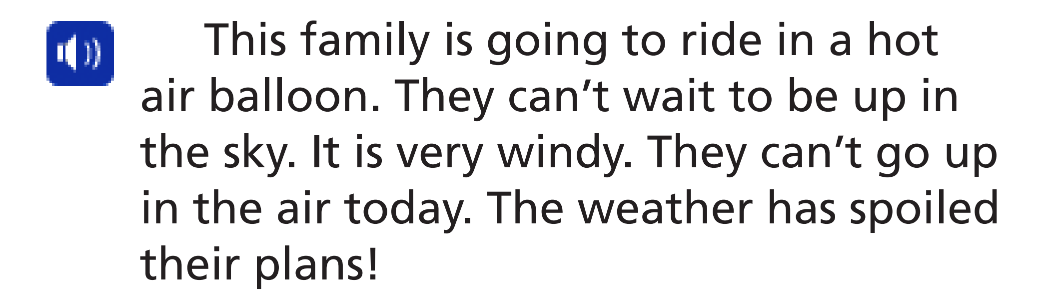
weather reporter: person who reports the weather news

The team is ready to play. But it is raining. When will the rain stop? What can they do to find out? They can listen to a weather report on the radio.

Sometimes the weather can spoil the plans that people make.



Will they ride on this windy day?



This family is going to ride in a hot air balloon. They can't wait to be up in the sky. It is very windy. They can't go up in the air today. The weather has spoiled their plans!



How much snow fell?

These girls are measuring how much snow fell during the night. They plan to go sledding. They want to build a snowman.

The weather did not spoil their plans.





Everyone likes to stay comfortable in all kinds of weather. We use warm clothes, and we heat our homes to stay warm. We use cool clothes, fans, and swimming pools to stay cool. What do you need most for today's weather?

Talk About It

1. What kind of weather do you like best?
2. Tell about a day when you had to change plans because of the weather.

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write about the worst weather you've ever seen.

Extend Language

Many English words help describe the weather. *Warm* and *cool* are two words. Can you think of other words to describe the weather?

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